



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

<p>1:00 - 6:00pm</p>	<p>Registration Opens Location: Regency Ballroom Foyer</p>
<p>1:45 - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Optional Policy Tours- Choice of 1; please sign up in advance in registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Transportation Hub- The GTH is western Canada’s newest, fastest-growing inland port authority. We’re strategically located, logistically superior, cost-effective – and here to help you succeed. The GTH is an ideal location for agri-food processing and value-added production, with reliable transportation to move products from truck to train to ship. Our strategic service providers include utility providers, public safety and industry associations. The GTH is an 1,871-acre greenfield development. Land is available in fully serviced subdivided lots, and we have the ability to work with each land owner to create a solution coordinated with their unique supply chain vision and needs – reducing land owner’s operational and capital costs and offering a higher return on investments. • Subsurface Geological Laboratory and Core Warehouse- The Government of Saskatchewan operates the Regina Subsurface Laboratory that holds geological samples recovered from Saskatchewan’s subsurface and represent over 80 years of exploration for mineral and energy resources. This facility contain valuable samples that are used by geologists in industry, research, education and government to better understand the rocks deep beneath our feet and the economic resources that they hold. You might consider this Subsurface Geological Laboratory as ‘rock libraries’
<p>6:00 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>PNWER Dinner and Executive Committee & Delegate Council Meeting (Open to All) Location: Regency Ballroom Foyer</p> <p>The Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) Executive Committee & Delegate Council will meet to review PNWER business and discuss priorities for the upcoming year. Open to all PNWER attendees</p>
<p>9:00 - 11:00 pm</p>	<p>Hospitality Suite- A casual, evening networking opportunity with your new PNWER friends from around the region! Location: Royal Suite</p>

Learn more & register at pnwer.org/2023-forum



PNWER ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:00 – 5:00 pm

Registration
Regency Ballroom Foyer

7:30 – 8:30am

Networking Breakfast
Regency Ballroom

8:45 – 9:00am

Economic Leadership Forum Kick Off Location: Regency Ballroom
PNWER leadership welcomes attendees to the 2023 Economic Leadership Forum. The Economic Leadership Forum provides an opportunity for local, provincial, and state leaders in both the public and private sectors to carry out in-depth discussions on key subjects affecting our regional economy.

Featuring PNWER President, MLA Rick Glumac, British Columbia; and a Traditional Welcome from Chief Michael Starr of the Star Blanket Cree Nation

9:00 – 10:00 am

Session 1: Legislative Academy- View from the Speaker's Chair Location: Regency Ballroom
The PNWER Legislative Leadership Academy is designed to explore the practical differences between the parliamentary and U.S. systems of government and assist legislators in developing important relationships with colleagues from neighboring jurisdictions. The Legislative Academy is open to all Economic Leadership Forum attendees.

This session will feature View from the Speaker's Chair: A comparative look at the role and function of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and the Speaker of the House in their respective countries.

Featuring: the Honourable Randy Weekes, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, and Mark Blasdel, former Speaker of the House for the State of Montana.

10:00 – 11:00 am

Session 2: Legislative Academy – An Overview of the Canadian and U.S. Systems of Government and the Legislative Process Join us for an engaging and informative session that explores the similarities and differences that define the systems of government in the United States and Canada. Attendees will hear from Dale Eisler, Senior Policy Fellow, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Regina, on the intricacies of the political systems of these two neighboring nations. Following the presentation, attendees will breakout into small group tabletop discussions.

1. How do bills originate? How many bills are considered in a typical legislative year?
2. How do you function in a caucus?
3. Describe your committee structure, and what is the role of legislative committees?
4. Who decides who sits on committees and who chairs the committee?
5. What are the implications of campaigns and elections on the day-to-day legislative process and the making of laws?
6. How does an MLA/Legislator get selected to be in the cabinet and what does that mean? How do careers develop?
7. What is the relationship between the Executive Branch, departments and U.S. State Legislative committees?
8. How does the House and Senate work together to pass legislation? Both Houses must pass identical legislation? How does that work?

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 continued

11:30 - 12:30 pm

Keynote Lunch Plenary - Welcome to Saskatchewan!

The Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan, will welcome Economic Leadership Forum attendees to the Province of Saskatchewan.

Location: Regency Ballroom

12:45 - 1:45 pm

Session 3: Understanding Government Structure: How do states, provinces, and territories share governance with their respective federal governments

Location: Regency Ballroom

This session will explore, through facilitated discussion, the intricacies of the government structures in the U.S. and Canada as we discuss the ways states, provinces, and territories collaborate and interact with their federal governments. Gain insight into the unique aspects of governance and federalism that shape these relationships.

1. What is the role of the Official Opposition? How does this compare with the Minority Party in a US State?
2. How does the Minority Party attempt to pass legislation in a state? How does the Opposition influence the process in Canada?
3. How is the Premier selected? Who votes? Does the Premier have to be a member of the Legislature? In the US, how does the Governor impact legislation? What is it like to have a Governor from a different party than the legislative Majority? How does this work?
4. Who controls tax dollars, and what is the percentage of government services in your jurisdiction funded by Washington, DC vs. the state governments? What are the implications of this? How about in Canada? What percentage of government services are funded by the Federal government vs the province or Territory?
5. Compare the role of the province/territory and the federal government in the Canadian system? And what are the practical relationships between the two?
6. How are regional priorities incorporated into the federal government agenda? What are the processes in Canada and the U.S.?
7. How is the Canadian Senate different from the US Senate?
8. Federalism - How is the Province's control over land use decisions different than that of a State?
9. What portion of land in a Province is federally controlled, vs the portion in a US State? Why and How are states different, and how does this impact decision making?

1:45 - 2:45 pm

Session 4: Empowering PNWER Leadership: Unleashing Regional Potential through Federal Outreach

Location: Regency Ballroom

PNWER provides a platform for collaboration among public, private, academic, and non-profit stakeholders to work together as a 10-jurisdiction region in pursuit of common goals. The value of building relationships between the states, provinces and territories, both in the public and private sectors, is significant to ensuring that trade between our jurisdictions continues to make the region one of the most competitive and innovative in the world.

In this session, we will look at a few specific bi-national issues and how PNWER, as a bi-national forum, can be useful to advocate for common issues from within this region to Ottawa and Washington, D.C.

Discussion questions on next page

1:45 – 2:45 pm

Session 4: continued Discussion questions:

Case Study: International Trade Agreements: When the NAFTA Agreement was being renegotiated (and threatened), what lessons can be learned from PNWER’s bi-national outreach and advocacy efforts?

- As parties and leadership changes happen, both locally and nationally, how can PNWER remain relevant and continue to build the trust relationships that are important to address critical issues?
- How can these lessons be applied to future cross-border issues and collaborative initiatives between our region and two-countries?
- What strategies can we take collectively, to amplify the voice of the region to our federal governments?

Discussion session on Regional Collaboration

- Based on these four examples and case study, how can PNWER be a vehicle to better communicate these and other regional challenges?
- How can this approach be translated into other issues areas? What are some of these issues?
- Role of state/provincial/territorial legislator to champion these issues within PNWER?
- Role of state/provinces/territories to pursue funding solution for the AIS issue and others?
- What similar type funding solutions are available in Canada?

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Session 5: Developing Economic Corridors in the Pacific Northwest Location: Regency Ballroom
Efficient, reliable, and resilient supply chains are key to provinces and states in accessing markets, enabling exports and promoting economic growth. This panel discussion will address how legislators and stakeholders across the border can support the development of Canada – U.S. economic corridors within the PNWER region. Legislators will explore how jurisdictions arrived at the current stage of development. The second half of the session will explore what needs to be carried out to move forward in developing robust economic corridors.

Session 1 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Moderator: Kyle Toffan, Deputy Minister of Highways, Saskatchewan

1. Shane Getson, MLA for Lac Ste. Anne–Parkland (Alberta)
2. Andrew Gaule, Director of Policy and Communication, Yukon Economic Development
3. Representative Kevin McCabe (Alaska)

Session 2 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Moderator: Bruce Agnew, Director PNWER RIA

1. Alex Herrgott, President, and CEO The Permitting Institute
2. Chief Leonard Standing On Road, Former Grand Chief of Treaty 6
3. Lauren Garduño, President of the Ports to Plains Alliance

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Offsite Welcome Reception: Strong, Sustainable, Saskatchewan Location: AGT Lounge, Mosaic Stadium; Hosted by The Government of Saskatchewan

Featuring His Honour the Honourable Russ Mirasty M.S.M., Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan; Jodi Banks, Deputy Minister of Trade and Export Development, Government of Saskatchewan; and MLA Ken Francis, PNWER Vice President

9:00 – 11:00 pm

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PNWER ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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7:00 - 8:00 am

Networking Breakfast

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8:30 - 9:15 am

Tour of the Saskatchewan Legislative Building

The Saskatchewan Legislative Building is one of the most historic properties in all of Saskatchewan, and one of the province's greatest achievements. Completed in 1912 and designated a National Historic Site of Canada in 2005, the Saskatchewan Legislative Building is a grand beaux-arts building and it truly represents the spirit of the province and its people.

The building is the seat of government where the laws of the province are introduced, debated, and passed. But the building represents more than that. It is a vital link, through tourism and education, to the heritage of the province.

Location: Saskatchewan Legislative Building

10:00 - 11:30 am

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan Question Period

Economic Leadership Forum participants will attend Question Period during the Legislative Assembly proceedings. Question Period is a 25-minute period during routine proceedings where members, typically those that oppose the government, ask questions of ministers of the Crown regarding government policy.

Location: Saskatchewan Legislative Building

12:00 - 1:00pm

Keynote Luncheon- the Canada and U.S. Relationship: A dialogue

The Canada - U.S. relationship has a significant impact on economic and political stability in North America and throughout the world. It fosters stability and prosperity in North America and sets a powerful example of international cooperation, underpinned by shared values and mutual respect, benefiting both nations and the world.

In this discussion, you will hear from U.S. Consul General Holly Waeger Monster and Consul General of Canada Sylvain Fabi as they share their insights on the Canada - U.S. relationship.

Location: Regency Ballroom

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 Continued

1:15 – 2:15 pm

Session 6: Critical Minerals: Sustainable Supply Chain Location: Regency Ballroom

Saskatchewan is home to critical mineral resources that are essential for global economic security, a growing population and a low-carbon future. With occurrences in the province of 23 of the 31 critical minerals on Canada's list, and 36 of the 50 mentioned in the United States' list, Saskatchewan has an opportunity to contribute to sustainably meeting the global critical mineral demand for potash, uranium, helium, lithium, copper, zinc, cobalt, nickel, and rare earth elements. There are significant investment opportunities in critical minerals exploration, mining and processing/refining in the province.

Moderated by Blair Wager, Deputy Minister of Energy and Resources, Saskatchewan

Featuring:

Dave Allen, Executive Vice President, Exploration and Planning, North American Helium

Mike Crabtree, President & CEO, SRC

Zachary Maurer, Executive Director, Arizona Lithium

2:15 – 3:15 pm

Session 7: Managing the Unprecedented 2023 Wildfire Season Location: Regency Ballroom

Join us for a critical discussion on the challenges and strategies involved in managing the recent unprecedented wildfire seasons. As wildfires continue to pose severe threats to communities, ecosystems, and economies, this session will feature expert insights and real-world experiences from emergency management experts in the PNWER region. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with experts who are actively working to manage and mitigate the challenges posed by the increasing wildfire seasons.

Featuring:

Emily King, Director, Emergency Management, Government of Northwest Territories

Steve Roberts, Vice President, Operations, Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency

Bill Larson, Chairman, Pacific Northwest Building Resilience Coalition

3:30 – 4:30 pm

Session 8: The Future of Food and Farming: Innovation in Agriculture Location: Regency Ballroom

Farming practices have evolved over decades to improve the sustainability of the agricultural sector. Progress made is in part due to innovative technologies, such as global positioning system guidance tools, drone technology, slow-release fertilizers, and modern equipment, as well as farming practices, agronomy and crop science, helping farmers produce higher yields more efficiently. This session brings together ag tech leaders within the PNWER region to share their stories of successful programs and projects that are enabling producers to do more with less.

Moderated by MLA Ken Francis, PNWER Vice-President

Featuring:

Murad Al-Katib, President and CEO, AGT Food and Ingredients Inc.

Kassandra Quayle, CFO, Protein Industries Canada

Erin Trapp, Manager, Venture Capital Finance and Operations, Conexus Venture Capital

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Evening Reception– Location: Blue Lounge

9:00 – 11:00 pm

Hospitality Suite Location: Royal Suite

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Session 9: Energy Security for the Future Location: Regency Ballroom

This panel of energy producers will discuss the importance of cross-border infrastructure projects such as pipelines and Small modular reactors for energy security and affordability. Cross-border energy infrastructure is vital to our regional economy and provides a crucial supply of gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel, as well as natural gas liquids, like propane, to the United States. Pipelines are the safest way of transporting oil and gas over long distances. Furthermore, they support thousands of jobs on both sides of the border.

Small modular reactors (SMRs) are a potential nuclear energy technology to be deployed in Saskatchewan in the early 2030s and provide zero-emission baseload generation. Harboring the largest high-grade uranium deposits in the world, the Saskatchewan uranium industry is in a good position to benefit from increased demand from the growth in SMRs.

Moderated by: Kent Campbell, President and CEO, Crown Investments Corporation

Featuring:

Grant Fagerheim, President and CEO, Whitecap Resources

Mike Gladstone, Director of External Affairs, Enbridge

Jeff Hryhoriw, Director, Government Relations and Communications, Cameco

Troy King, Executive Vice President, Chief Strategy, Technology & Financial Officer, SaskPower

9:30 - 10:30 am

Session 10: Agriculture as a Nature-based Solution to a Changing Climate

Location: Regency Ballroom

Global food security will be challenged by population growth and production disruptions caused by climate change. Learn how industry leaders are contributing to decarbonizing and enhancing food security around the world through sustainable food production. Soil health, diversified crop rotations, innovative technology, and investments in R&D are key management practices to foster sustainability and reduce emissions throughout the entire agricultural value chain.

Moderated by: MLA Ken Francis, PNWER Vice-President

Featuring:

Dr. Angela Bedard-Haughn, Dean, College of Agriculture and Bioresources, University of Saskatchewan

Kristijan Hebert, President, Hebert Grain Ventures

Dr. Steven Webb, Executive Director and CEO, Global Institute for Food Security

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10:30 - 11:30 am

Session 11: Reconciliation and Indigenous Economic Development Location: Regency Ballroom
Indigenous participation in key sectors, such as natural resource development and value-added agriculture, is a key component to economic reconciliation and the creation of opportunities to people across the PNWER region. Join legislators and business leaders on a conversation about addressing barriers to Indigenous equity ownership.

Moderated by: Jodi Banks, Deputy Minister of Trade and Export Development, Saskatchewan

Featuring:

John Desjarlais, Executive Director, Indigenous Resource Network

Shane Getson, MLA for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, Legislative Assembly of Alberta

11:45 - 12:45 pm

Closing Remarks and Lunch

Preview of Whistler Summit

Location: Regency Ballroom